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LB 48, 57, 63, 109, 163, 182, 226, 246
247, 261, 275, 299, 305, 316, 317, 411
421, 439, 453, 505, 553, 596, 629, 671

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 246 advances. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. Transportation Committee reports LB 411 to General File, LB 275 General File with amendments, LB 305 General File with amendments, LB 317 General File with amendments, LB 421 General File with amendments, LB 671 General File with amendments, those signed...LB 596 General File with amendments, LB 453 General File with amendments, those signed by Senator Kristensen. Senator Schellpeper has selected LB 505 as his priority bill for this session. Senator Robak selected LB 299. Bills read on Final Reading have been presented to the Governor. (Re. LB 63, LB 163, LB 182, LB 48, LB 57, LB 109, LB 226, LB 247, LB 261, LB 316, LB 439.) Senator Avery has amendments to be printed to LB 553. That's all that I have. (See pages 865-74 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to LB 629.

CLERK: Mr. President, 629 was a bill introduced by Senators Ashford, Abboud, Bohlke, Bromm, Hillman, Will, Rasmussen and Landis. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 20, referred to Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER BAACK: Committee amendments, Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, the committee amendments to LB 629 accomplish four different things. The first thing it does, it exempts from the scope of the act those modifications and orders which are filed under RURESA which is the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act. Those are modifications or orders that will be coming from other states so they would be exempted from any coverage under this act. The second thing is that it clarifies that all mediators, not just private mediators, would be prohibited from mediating a case where they had previously represented either one of the two parties. The intent, of course, is to avoid any conflicts of interest or a perception of a conflict of interest or an unfair advantage. The third thing is that it strikes the provision that would require the State Court Administrator to train and evaluate the court-based administrators, or excuse me, court-based mediators because the intent of that is to...that since the courts themselves would be supervising or overseeing